

"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:"
Genesis 9:13-14 KJV



You can't see rainbows from any angle other than 42°. A rainbow prismatically reflects the light of the Sun behind the observer. One who seems "under" or "at the end" of a rainbow, will see a different rainbow further off at the same angle. A "rainbow" is not a physical object. It's there, but physically unapproachable. Secondary arcs are caused by a double reflection of sunlight, and the colours of the second always mirror the first, at an angle of 53°. The darker the sky behind it, the more resplendent the arcs. With a clear blue sky behind, the second arc is barely visible. There's always a dark area between the two arcs. Triple rainbows are impossible to view, since the third arc's reflection is close to the Sun's angle, and thus, invisible. From the air one can see the whole circle of the rainbow. There are some spiritual parallels in the angles of view from earth - 42°/53°. Four – the Biblical number of trial, two – the number of witness, five – the number of grace, and three – the number of the Godhead. These numbers represent God's Grace witnessed in trial. The rainbow is a reminder and symbol of God's promise. Trials allow us to see God at work in our earthly life if viewed in the correct perspective, faith. Believers experiencing the fair weather of material plenty generally lose sight of faith's promise. Fireflies are only visible at night. It is the darkness of trials that reveals the resplendent light of faith! *"The trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold."* A double rainbow can only be seen against dark sky, with a dark area between the first and second arc. The witness of God the Holy Spirit in our hearts is strongest midst deepest trial for the faithful. *"For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."* There are three arcs in every rainbow, but only two are visible and then only one way. *"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* The two visible arcs are mirror reflections of each other as the Spirit mirrors or gives witness to the Truths found in God's Word, Jesus, *"the Word made flesh. No man hath seen God at any time. There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."* The rainbow is a "token of a covenant;" a seal of promise, like a wedding band or a written contract. There's a written contract for men called the "Word of God." It plainly states man's obligations to God and His faithful promises!

God's Word gives promises to you,
They are in storm clouds brightly true,
Truth's rainbow in the trial's cloud,
Clears all the darkest shades of doubt! -CGP

The complete rainbow can only be seen from above. Believers will see the manifested God, Jesus Christ, at death or when He returns for them in the clouds! The storm clouds of life will then be forever below them eclipsed by the complete Majesty of Jesus Christ! Are there storm clouds of trial in your life? Search for the Rainbows of eternal Promise in God's Word and marvel at their beauty!

"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth." Psalms 119:89-90 KJV